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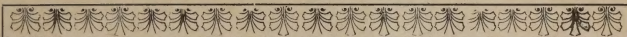
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## TIME TABLE

Walker House .....	8.45	2.20
Grand Union Hotel .....	9.00	2.25
Daly House .....	9.00	2.25
Grand Central Hotel .....	9.00	2.25
Arlington Hotel.....	9.10	2.30
Richardson House .....	9.15	2.35
Power House.....	9.15	2.35
Palmer House .....	9.20	2.40
Iroquois Hotel.....	9.20	2.40
Rossin House.....	9.20	2.40
McConkey's Restaurant .....	9.10	2.45
Ryrie Bros.....	9.10	2 45
Tremont House.....	9.10	2.55
Elliott House .....	9.00	3.00

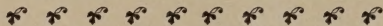
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The Coaches call at the several Hotels, as per Time Table on page 3, each morning and afternoon daily, and proceed along the most beautiful and representative parts of the city as described herein.

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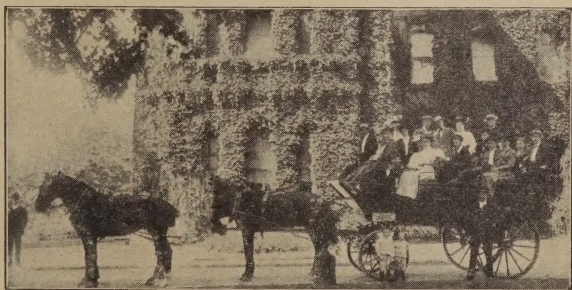
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YOUR passengers are all comfortably seated, the cheery bugle announces our start, and we are off at a smart pace.

On the left the guide calls your attention to the Toronto Club, on the corner of Wellington and York streets, which is one of the most aristocratic clubs in the city.

Turning into Front street we see many of the principal banks, insurance offices and wholesale houses, including the Bank of Montreal, Yonge Street Wharf, Board of Trade Building and Custom House. Continuing eastward along Front street we come to the St. Lawrence Market, the largest market in the city, the southern and new section of which stands upon the site of our old City Hall.

Now we see the lofty chimney on the power house of the Toronto Street Railway Company, which stands 250 feet high, and affords a view of fifty miles in every direction from its top.

Now we go westward along King street, passing St. James' Cathedral, with its magnificent and lofty spire, it being one of the highest on the continent of America—318 feet from the ground.



Turning into Toronto street we see the Post Office. Then we see in quick succession the Home Life Building, Ryrie Bros., the largest jewelry store in Canada ; the Confederation Life Assurance Co.'s Building, the Robert Simpson handsome departmental store, one of the largest and best equipped establishments of its kind on the continent ; now in course of erection an addition doubling its present capacity. The old City Registry Office, the Independent Order of Foresters' Temple, and now we come to the new City Hall and Court House, a magnificent building erected at a cost of \$3,000,000 ; here the guide takes you through, so that the beauty of the interior may be enjoyed by all.

"All aboard" again. We pass along Queen street eastward until we reach the (Metropolitan) Church ; now we see St. Michael's Hospital on Bond street, St. Michael's (Roman Catholic) Cathedral, Bond Street (Congregational) Church, the Holy Blossom Synagogue and the Normal School ; then through a nice residential section until we reach the Allan Gardens, which occupy ten acres of ground, and were first opened in 1860 by His Royal Highness King Edward VII. We note the beautiful foliage, characteristic of our summer season, the masses of flowers in bloom and the large picturesque fountain. You now get a good idea of the size, style and character of the city, and the guide will inform you of the value of houses and rentals, taxes, police and fire protection, postal service, street lighting, paving and assessments on property, etc.

We soon are in Rosedale and see the beautiful mansions of wealthy lawyers, merchants and other gentlemen, and cross the second of the Rosedale bridges at an altitude

of 130 feet above the glen ; then, crossing the Huntley street bridge to Bloor street, and down Jarvis street, which are among the most fashionable streets of the city, along Carlton and College streets to Queen's Park, where we can enjoy one of the most beautiful drives in the city. Here was instituted the "Rotten Row " of Toronto, and on Saturday afternoons bands of music played, while all that was stylish in vehicles and prancing horses were brought out by the local gentry. As we pass along you observe to the left Victoria University (Methodist) and St. Michael's College (Roman Catholic), and many residences of our most wealthy citizens, while on the right you see the new Parliament Buildings, erected by the Ontario Legislature at a cost of \$1,250,000 and completed in 1892. Here we stay for a while to inspect this grand building, which covers over 76,000 square feet of ground, and we particularly notice the sculpture work on the massive brown stone, which is a characteristic feature of the exterior of this stately edifice. Let us descend for a while and visit the interior. Here we see many corridors, flights of stairs, offices and rooms—prominent among the apartments being the Legislative Chamber, where the laws of Ontario were framed. As our guide conducts us through the vast building we are struck with its beauty and purposeful arrangement, and are surprised that so magnificent a building could be constructed at such a moderate outlay.

Then we see the University Buildings, where many of the best professional men of America have received their education. The College was founded in 1827, and has established chairs in arts, law, medicine and agriculture

under one corporate seal. The main frontage of the building is 300 feet long by about 260 feet deep, and it has cost about \$500,000 to build.

We see the Observatory, Wycliffe College, McMaster Hall—the Biological section of the College—the College Library, also the Monument of Sir John A. McDonald, the Monument of Queen Victoria, the Volunteers' Monument, the Hon. George Brown's Monument and the Monument erected in memory of the Volunteers who fell in the North-West Rebellion, with many other interesting sights.

Leaving the University grounds, we pass along St. George street and University avenue, upon which is situated the Armouries, the "Alexandra Palace," one of Toronto's finest apartment houses, and also Osgoode Hall, where the highest Courts of Law in the Province of Ontario are held, down Simcoe street to King street. Here the guide draws our attention to the Lieutenant-Governor's house, and introduces us to Toronto's four corners—the Government House, St. Andrews' Church, old Upper Canada College (now in ruins), and an hotel. They have been humorously named "Legislation, Salvation, Education and Damnation."

Finally we return to the hotel delighted with our trip, hungry, but not tired.



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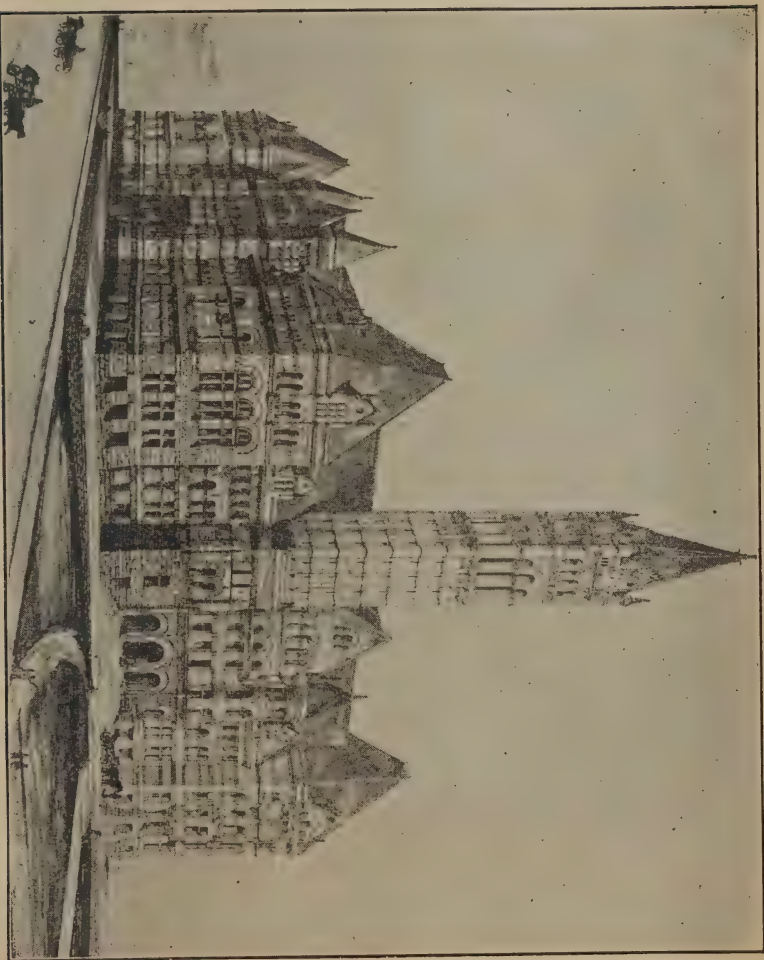
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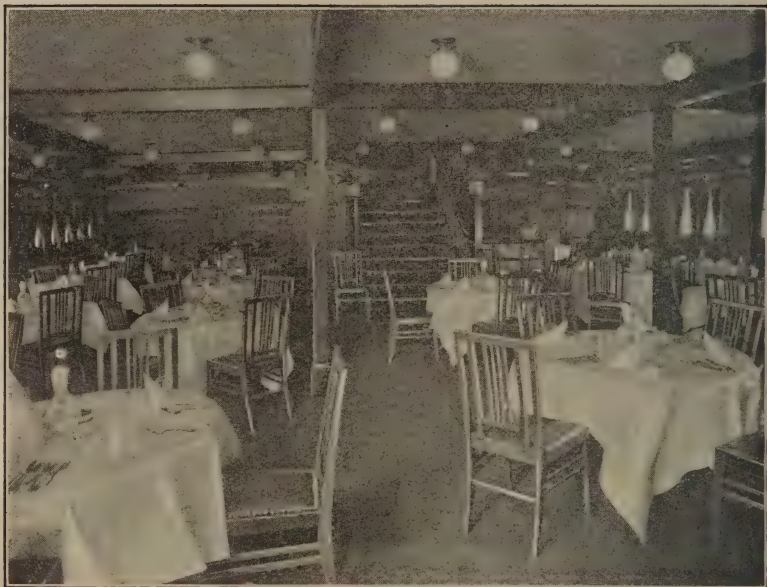
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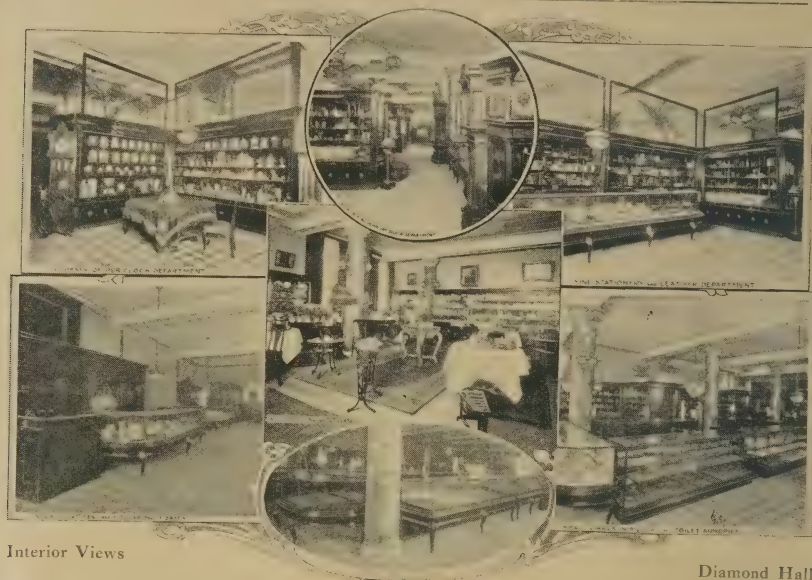


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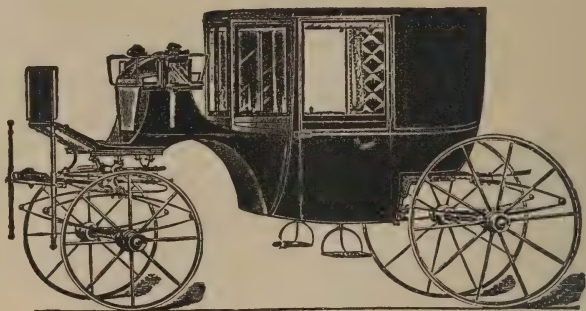
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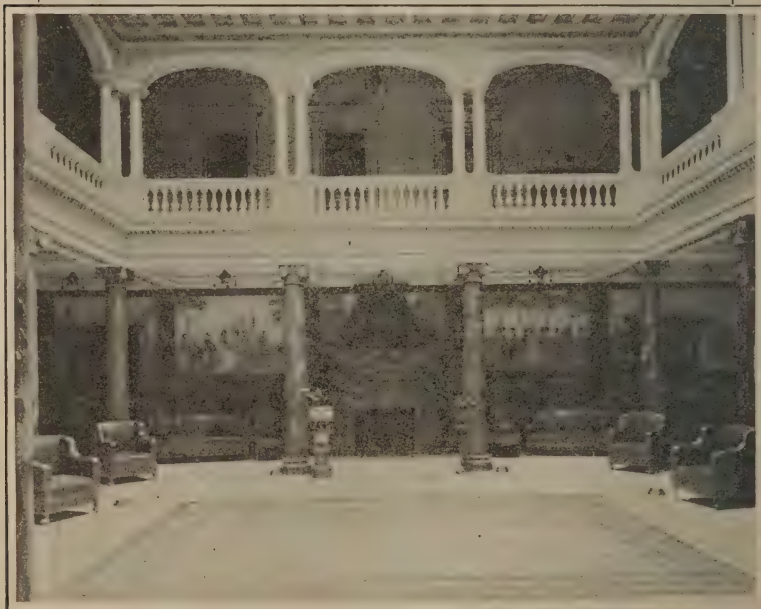
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## Toronto— Its Many Large Industries

Toronto possesses between 550 and 600 strong industries, besides about 1,000 small factories whose returns are not included in the figures here given. These factories employ to-day 65,000 hands, as against 26,000 in 1891. They pay in wages \$27,500,000 per annum, as compared with \$9,000,000 twelve years ago. Their output of manufactured goods is equal in money value to that of the entire wheat crop of Manitoba and Western Canada, being between \$65,000,000 and \$70,000,000. In 1891 it was \$45,000,000, thus showing an increase of fifty per cent. in the last twelve years. The capital invested in manufacturing industries in Toronto is estimated at about \$70,000,000, while in 1891 it was \$32,000,000. Thirty years ago the city gave employment

to 9,400 factory hands, paid \$2,700,000 in wages, and produced \$14,000,000 worth of goods per annum. Such is the record of progress in the span of one generation. It requires nearly 50,000 horse-power of motive force to keep the wheels of Toronto's factories in motion. The range of industries here represented is very diversified and includes agricultural implements, architectural iron, bicycles, biscuits, boots and shoes, brass products, blank books, brewery products, brooms, confectionery, cigars, clothing, crockery, electric machinery, elevators, engines, envelopes, foundry products, furnaces, furniture, gloves, hats and caps, jewelry, laundry machinery, leather goods, motor vehicles, pianos and organs, piano actions, roofing supplies, rubber goods, radiators, saws, show cases, stoves, soaps, surgical instruments, umbrellas, wire goods, woodenware, wagons and carriages, wall papers, and yeast, besides a variety of miscellaneous articles, in finished form, and a great number of factories engaged in secondary industries.

**Toronto—  
A Great  
Distributing  
City**

The City of Toronto is the largest and most important wholesale jobbing centre of Canada, its output of merchandise for distribution to dealers in various lines of trade far surpassing that of Montreal. To its warehouses come the buyers from contractors' and lumber camps, supply firms and retail stores all over the Dominion, its diversified stocks and exceptional shipping facilities attracting a custom which has increased very rapidly within the past few years, owing to the active development being carried on in the newer portions of the country. The dominant position of the city as a wholesale supply point is primarily due to its unequalled advantages for cheap freightage, both by lake and rail, and is assisted by its undisputed possession of the most lucrative purchasing market of Canada lying adjacent to its boundaries. An index of traffic of which it is the pivot-point is found in the fact that more than 215 freight trains enter and leave Toronto daily. In addition to many business houses not here enumerated as not being strictly jobbers, though they do a partial wholesale trade, one finds in Toronto strong wholesale houses in the following among other lines :—Groceries, dry goods, hardware, hats, caps, and furs, jewelry and silverware, lamp goods, lumber, millinery, paints and oils, paper goods, seeds, sporting goods, stationery, teas and coffees, tobaccos and cigars, smallwares, underwear, wines and liquors, woollens, provisions, produce. In 1905, also, 442,739 head of cattle passed through the Toronto yards as compared with 211,159 in 1893.

**Toronto—  
Its Financial  
Institutions**

As a financial centre Toronto has grown rapidly in importance within the past few years, the increasing wealth of its population leading to a continuous expansion of its financial interests. Twenty chartered banks, with a combined capital of \$66,700,000. have either their head offices or large branches here. Of loan, investment and trust com-

panies there are 34 with a combined subscribed capital of \$53,240,000 which have their chief offices for Ontario in the City of Toronto. Of insurance companies there are 159 doing business in the city, of which 59 are fire companies, 48 life, 15 accident, 14 marine, the others being devoted to guarantee, plate glass and other special lines of business. The last available returns show more than \$80,000,000 of fire insurance in force in Toronto. Besides the above, the city contains a large number of strong private firms engaged in financial brokerage and investment business. An index of the growing trade of Toronto is given by the fact that in 1897 the number of real estate transfers was 1,415, while in 1905 they were 7,917, with large increases in property values. The business of the Toronto Stock Exchange has increased about sevenfold within the past three years. The clearing house returns of the banks doing business in Toronto show the following record of progress:— 1900, \$513,696,401; 1901, \$625,228,306; 1902, \$809,078,559; 1903, \$808,748,260; 1904, \$842,097,066; 1905, \$1,047,490,701; 1906, \$1,319,125,351. The large financial interests of the city are built upon the sure foundation of a rapidly increasing manufacturing and wholesale trade. The Custom House returns for Toronto during the last seven years show a very large increase: 1908, duties collected, \$4,533,005; 1906, duties collected, \$10,049,290.65.

#### Toronto— A Centre Of Art and Culture

Toronto is widely known as the artistic, literary and musical centre of the Dominion, and its influence in the direction of refinement and culture has impressed itself strongly upon the people of Canada. The list of its institutions for the cultivation of the nobler arts is a long one, while in the beautifying of its avenues, the adornment of its homes and the decoration even of many of its industrial establishments it presents a model to other centres of population. Two fine museums contain hundreds of valuable specimens and documents. The Ontario Society of Artists, the Central Ontario School of Art, the Women's Art Association and the Toronto Art League, are all active in the holding of art exhibits and the promotion of painting, drawing and sculpture. The Canadian Institute and the Women's Canadian Historical Society do much to preserve the fast vanishing tokens and records of our country's past, while the National Council of Women, the British Empire League, and other similar organizations are keenly in touch with the sentiments of the present day. Music is represented by three excellent conservatories, to which students come from all over Canada, and from many foreign countries. Besides such Institutions as these the city contains many societies for purposes of research in various realms of thought and for the promotion of religious, moral, scientific or philosophical discussion. Toronto contains among its citizens a number of men whose names are familiar in the English field of literature, while its scientists and artists have contributed in no small degree to the knowledge and happiness of the world.



**Toronto—  
Its Annual  
Exhibition**

The pride of Toronto is in its Exhibition which is held annually the last week in August and the first week in September. At times the period extends beyond the first week in September, as this year, when the dates will be from August 29th to September 14th. Close upon \$50,000 is given for premiums and a like sum is spent on special attractions. Started some thirty years ago, in a somewhat modest way, the Exhibition has expanded until now it is justly entitled to the term "National." Although covering only two weeks, the admissions each year run up to nearly three quarters of a million, and this year, if the circumstances are favorable, it is hoped to make the total attendance a round million. One day last year it is estimated that 135,000 people were on the grounds. Exhibition Park is splendidly situated on the Lake Front, and covers close upon 200 acres, on which there are nearly two million dollars worth of buildings, the majority being substantial, handsome and fire-proof structures, including a Grand Stand that is without an equal in America. It is built entirely of concrete, pressed brick and steel, and will seat 16,400 people in chairs, besides which there is room for another ten or twelve thousand on the lawn front. The greater number of nights during the Exhibition the stand is tested to its utmost capacity, the attraction being a costly military spectacle that is presented on a large and impressive scale along with an excellent vaudeville and circus performance, the whole concluding with a brilliant display of fireworks. All the resources of factory, mine, field, forest, river and lake are to be seen at the Canadian National Exhibition. There are on view at the one time 1,200 horses, 1,000 cattle, 800 sheep, 700 swine, 3,500 poultry and pet stock, and 1,000 dogs, making upwards of 8,000 animals to be seen in one enclosure, besides a thousand and one other attractions. Harness racing for liberal purses takes place every day, over an admirable half-mile track, and there is a choice avenue of amusements in which all the enjoyments and novelties of the largest and best pleasure parks are to be found. The magnificent Art Gallery in which may be seen many works of the world's greatest painters is a leading centre of attraction. Another prominent and most interesting centre is what is known as the Process Building, in which some thirty Industries are shown in active operation. Music is also a prominent feature, one or more of the World's Famous Bands, and many of the best Canada can produce, giving Concerts two or three times per day. Well conducted Restaurants and Refreshment Stands are scattered throughout the grounds so that visitors can spend the entire day enjoying themselves without leaving the Park.

**Toronto—  
Municipal  
Figures**

Toronto has a population, by its directory census, of over 300,000. Its assessment for 1905 is \$195,639,322 as compared with \$152,383,037 in 1900. In 1878 its population was 70,867, and its assessment \$49,000,000. The latest published returns show that it has a land area of 17.7 square miles and 265 miles of streets, of which 189 miles are paved. It

has 240 miles of sewers and 272 miles of water mains. Its citizens use 29,000,000 gallons of water daily. Its fire brigade comprises 235 officers and men, while 360 stalwarts make up its police force, there being 17 fire stations and 7 police stations in the city limits. There are 251 miles of gas mains laid, for the supply of 27,000 consumers. The streets are illuminated by 965 carbon lights and 1,261 electric arc lights. In the city there are 25 public parks, having a total area of about 1 458½ acres. Its public and separate schools employ a total staff of 802 teachers. Its street railway service is operated by a company under an exclusive franchise. There are 93 miles of track, about 350 cars in operation, and the traffic at present amounts to about 60,000,000 passengers yearly. Its street cleaning and scavenging system is owned and operated by the city and is considered the most efficient in America. The affairs of the city are managed by a Mayor, a Board of Control and a Council of Aldermen, who are elected annually, and although criticism in municipal matters is by no means absent, the standard of public morals and conduct is generally excellent.

**Toronto—** There are in Toronto 217 churches : 46 Anglican, 21  
**Overflow** Baptist, 9 Congregational, 41 Methodist, 33 Presbyterian,  
**Facts** 17 Roman Catholic, and 50 miscellaneous.  
 Toronto citizens use about 20,000 telephones, which is a very high average in proportion to the population of city.

Toronto is the centre of the law system of Ontario, having 27 law courts within its limits

There are 116 miles of railway line within the limits of Toronto, and about 113 passenger trains enter and leave the city daily.

Journalism is represented in Toronto by 6 daily papers, 49 weekly. 20 semi-monthly, 76 monthly, and 8 quarterly.

The assessment value of buildings in Toronto is \$75,745,400. Buildings to the value of \$13,160,398 have been erected within the past year.

The four principal residential districts of the city show that houses to the value of \$950,000 have been erected in the past year.

The sanitary requirements of Toronto are admirably managed by a Board of Health and Medical Health Officer.

**Toronto—** In no way is the character of a people better shown  
**Its Public** than in the number and strength of its public institu-  
**and Trade** tions—those organizations which, while serving no  
**Institutions** individually selfish end, are yet of benefit to the public as a whole, or to those whose misfortunes entitle them to the sympathy of their fellows. In this respect

Toronto can show a record of remarkable achievement. Its Board of Trade is recognized as the most influential Colonial Board in the British Empire, and is unceasing in its efforts on behalf of the business interests of the city and of Canada as a whole. Its Industrial Exhibition, which in

1903 took rank as a Dominion event, is the largest and finest annual exhibition in the world. Its Public Library, with five branches, containing in all more than 800,000 books, ranks among the great libraries of America. It is the home of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which here had its inception. Two good asylums care for the insane, and four large general hospitals, with emergency and isolation branches, ministers to the sick. The city contains 27 homes for the friendless poor, and 14 orphanages and shelters for the young. Five hospitals are devoted to special forms of disease, while three infirmaries and seven dispensaries assist in caring for those who need their aid. Besides these, there are a great many semi-public enterprises for the alleviation of suffering, pain, or want. An interesting feature of Toronto life also is its military, which includes besides a permanent corps, a volunteer force of two mounted bodies, battery of field artillery and three infantry regiments.

**Toronto—  
Its Famous  
Colleges  
and Schools**

As an educational centre Toronto possesses advantages unsurpassed by any city of equal size in America. It contains three large universities, Toronto, Trinity and McMaster. In federation with the University of Toronto are several strong colleges with courses in Theology and Arts, namely: Knox, St. Michael's, Victoria and Wycliffe. This University is supported by the Province, and the wide range of its usefulness is shown by the following list of its affiliated institutions in various departments:—Toronto School of Medicine, Royal College of Dental Surgeons, School of Practical Science, Women's Medical College, Ontario College of Pharmacy, Ontario Veterinary College and two Colleges of Music. The city contains 53 Public Schools, 16 Separate Schools (Roman Catholic), 1 Model School, 1 Normal School, 3 Collegiate Institutes, 4 Industrial Schools, 1 Technical School, 7 Ladies' Schools, 1 residential Boys' College, and 7 excellent business colleges. The public and separate schools and the technical school are absolutely free, and the Toronto public school system is regarded as the most perfect in America. School matters are governed by boards of public trustees, representative in some cases and elective in others. Education in Toronto is within the reach of all and is of a very high type. The public school system leads naturally to the Collegiate, and thence to the University, and while free education is obtainable up to a point sufficient for any branch of commercial life, the higher branches may also be studied at comparatively slight expense.

**Toronto—  
The Mecca  
Of Tourists**

Each year sees an increase in the tourist traffic to Toronto and in the number of conventions held within its borders. Even yet, however, the almost limitless attractions of the city and the country behind it are but partly known. The Muskoka Lakes, famous for their beauty and their sport, are each summer the haunt of thousands from

- Canada and the United States. Georgian Bay, with its 30,000 islands, is now rivalling Muskoka in popular esteem, while the Kawartha Lake district with its magnificent bass and trout fishing, is each season becoming a great favorite. These are only three out of many such resorts which Ontario possesses and which can be easily reached from Toronto. The vast regions of New Ontario contain thousands of miles of lakes, forests and streams, whose resources for sport and pleasure have not yet been even touched. To the tourist from other cities, Toronto itself is a delightful visiting place, replete in beauty and opportunities for enjoyment. Its situation gives it an equable and healthy climate ; its excellent street railway service affords great convenience for sight seeing, and its hotel accommodations are both extensive and moderate in cost. It has been called "The Convention City," and the thousands who have visited it on such occasions bear cordial testimony to the hospitality of its people and the multitude of its attractions. The city contains 150 hotels, 300 boarding houses, 5 theatres, 22 music and concert halls and nearly 250 public buildings and halls for meetings of all kinds.

**Toronto—  
A City of  
Charming  
Homes**

It is safe to say that no city of equal size in America contains so many substantial and artistic homes and so delightful a series of residential districts as Toronto. It is essentially a city of homes, a city which presents attractions to home life unequalled elsewhere. In summer the thousands of wide spreading trees throw their cooling foliage across the roadways, forming, with the well-trimmed and flower-bordered lawns, many vistas of surpassing charm. Parks of great expanse and great natural beauty may be found in every section of the city, while the deep ravines of Rosedale, the heights of the northern boundary, and the wonderful panorama of Lake Ontario's changing tints, lend their added loveliness to the surroundings. In front of the city is Toronto Island, where, within but a few minutes of the busiest streets, one may find quietness, fresh air, and all the delights of shady groves, sandy beaches and tumbling waves. Several other summer suburbs of the same attractiveness exist along the lake shore, while steamers ply in every direction, affording a wide variety of pleasure excursions at moderate cost. The climate of Toronto is very moderate, and the somewhat short winter is full of pleasant occupations, each season bringing its series of notable dramatic, musical and other entertainments ; for Toronto is a generous patron of good art and never fails to attract to its doors those who are most famous on the lecture platform or the dramatic stage.





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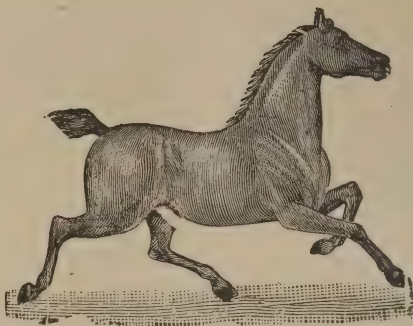
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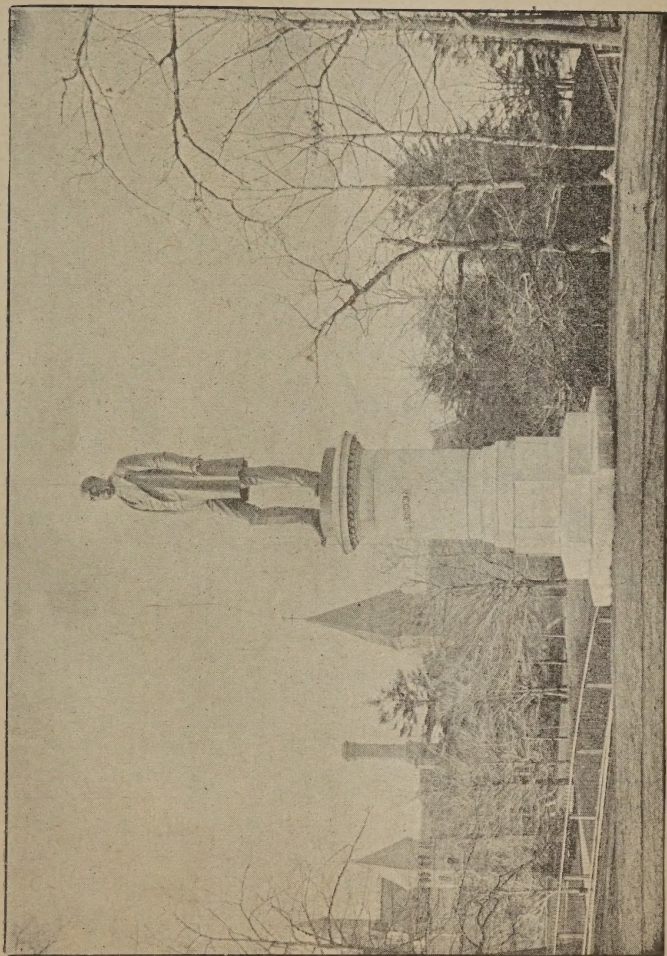
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